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	Applicant(s) by its	s/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37				
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#### SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

# In the claims:

## Please add the following claims:

having a molecular weight of about 24 kd, or a functionally equivalent variant or fragment thereof, and capable of specifically binding to the E2 protein of hepatitis C virus, is combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

equivalent variant or fragment thereof, and capable of specifically binding to the E2 protein of

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